

**PE1577/G**

Scottish Government Letter of 11 November 2016

Dear Ms Robinson,

Thank you for your letter of 29 September 2016 on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee (PPC) regarding their on-going consideration of petition PE1577 (*Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to develop and provide funding for a clinical pathway and services for adults with cerebral palsy*).

Your letter notes that the PPC are seeking the Scottish Government's view on establishing a clinical pathway and national services for adults with cerebral palsy. As stated in the correspondence from Jamie Hepburn MSP, then-Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, to the PPC on 2 March 2016, the Scottish Government has so far provided £43,000 to Bobath Scotland to run a pilot project, in partnership with West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership, to test an alternative supported pathway for adults with cerebral palsy. The project explores raising awareness amongst both medical professionals (of the challenges faced by adults with cerebral palsy) and service users (regarding what options they have around supported self-management of their condition). This project is about to move into a second phase and we are currently considering providing further funding to support the continuation of this work.

You also state that the PPC would like clarification on whether the Scottish Government is minded to consult with NHS professionals and other stakeholders on this issue. We will consider the findings of the Bobath Scotland pilot project when it is complete, as well as options for taking forward any learning and experience in a wider sense to improve adult services across Scotland. This will also include consideration of further work or wider consultation on the outcomes of the pilot.

The PPC may also be interested to know that the petitioner, Ms Rachael Wallace, has been offered a meeting with either Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport, or policy officials in the Strategic Planning and Clinical Priorities team. We look forward to Ms Wallace's reply.

I hope that the PPC find this information to be of assistance.

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